

REMARKS

By way of the foregoing amendments, Claim 1 has been amended in a manner consistent with the Article 19 Amendment of Claim 1 presented during the international phase. Attached to this Preliminary Amendment is an English language translation of the Statement that accompanied the Article 19 submitted during the international phase as well as an English language translation of Informal Comments submitted in the international phase. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the claims presented in this Preliminary Amendment.

Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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